

an organization that strives to maintain the links established by more than two centuries of former Danish rule. He and his wife also joined the Landmark Society, which preserves and promotes the various influences of our unique architecture that has developed over the centuries, and our local cultural traditions. He was also a member of the Virgin Islands Lung Association and the St. George's Botanical Garden.

Dr. and Mrs. Galiber collected many local artists' paintings. Some works they commissioned were the product of intense collaborations between Dr. Galiber, Sr., and the artists. He insisted that the images synthesized on canvas authentically portray our past. Leo Carty's "Good Day Ladies" acrylic, with the significant conceptual influences of Dr. Galiber, was selected by the United States Census Bureau as the poster representing minority art for the U.S. Virgin Islands. This was a work-in-progress when the Galibers became enamored with its historical vista and gave it the unofficial title, "Mr. Collins". Dr. Galiber's suggestions influenced Mr. Carty to change and/or include a few features so the painting would more accurately reflect the people and events of the time. Dr. Galiber was the recipient of many honors. He was the Virgin Islands Medical Society's Distinguished Physician in 1986 and an American Cancer Society's Honoree in 1999.

On June 9th of this year, the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center conducted a dedication ceremony of the Andre A. Galiber, Sr., FACR, Radiology and Cardiovascular Laboratory Suite. The unit was dedicated in honor of his significant contributions to diagnostic imaging. Some of his peers recognized that he single-handedly established the Radiology Departments at the Charles Harwood and Juan Luis Hospitals and that due to him, the hospitals will soon have MRI capabilities. His legendary diagnostic skills were praised and appreciation was shown for the tireless work he performed in other hospital areas.

Dr. Galiber, Sr., encouraged his children to follow in his footsteps of educational and professional excellence. His oldest child, Lorraine Gundel, served for years as a Virgin Islands educator. His sons have taken up the mantle of his commitment to providing the best in medical services to the Virgin Islands community. He and his namesake and fellow radiologist, Andre Jr., excelled at golf and were the winners of several tournaments. Son, Angelo, like Andre Jr., is a board-certified radiologist. Angelo is president of Imaging Center, PC, a position that Andre Sr., previously held. Angelo is the 1983 Franklin Chambers McLean Scholar (given each year to the highest ranking U.S. minority medical student). Dante is a board certified fellow of the American College of Cardiology. The youngest son, Marcel is a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer/Vascular Technologist and the business manager of the Imaging Center. His daughter Lisa has modeled internationally and has worked in broadcasting. Youngest daughter, Cecile, was a bank senior vice-president. She now heads the Financial Trust Company in St. Thomas and is a licensed realtor.

His wife of forty-four years, Edith Lewis Galiber, is a retired Director of Public Health Nursing in St. Croix. She has been his loving and devoted partner in all that he has achieved and in building the legacy which he leaves.

Dr. Andre Galiber's death on September 24, 2000, ended an illustrious life and work, but the contributions to his community, its culture and the field of Radiology live on.

Mr. Speaker, I salute Dr. Andre A. Galiber for his dedicated service to his country, his profession and the Territory of the U.S. Virgin Islands. I thank his wife Edith, their six children and sixteen grandchildren, for sharing him with us.

#### CONGRATULATING REV. DR. CLAY EVANS ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2000*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to pay a special tribute to one of the nation's most dynamic, colorful, well-known, influential and eminent religious leaders in America. One who is of humble origin and yet has been able to influence public decision making, develop programs and activities of enormous impact and to provide motivation, inspiration, spiritual consultation and consolation to millions.

For more than fifty years, Rev. Clay Evans has been the founder, pastor and guiding light for development of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. The ship as it is affectionately known has been a haven for Civil Rights, a home for aspiring clergymen-women, and a place to be for those who wanted to feel the spirit.

Fellowship has been a platform for notables of every color, stripe or hue. It has been a church home for Rev. Jesse L. Jackson and a training ground for renowned clergy and musicians. Of all the decisions made by Rev. Evans over the past fifty years has been the decision to guide the parishioners in the selection of a new pastor so there is an orderly, peaceful and efficient leadership transition.

I commend you, Rev. Evans for your ability to motivate and inspire and for the wisdom of understanding continuity. As you retire from active pastorship, may the Good Lord continue to bless and keep you and may he grant you peace as you enjoy the Golden Years of your life.

#### WILLIAM DAVERN LEAVES A MARCHING BAND LEGACY TO BE CONTINUED

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2000*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, on January 27, 2001 a Gala Surprise Party will be held to honor the accomplishments of the West Genesee "Wildcat" Marching Band Director William Davern. Bill Davern will retire from this extracurricular activity following 16 years of dedication, hard work and many successes. He will continue to work as a teacher at West Genesee High School in Camillus, New York.

Bill Davern's involvement with the "Wildcat" Marching Band began in 1975 when he participated as a band member from 1975-78.

The West Genesee Marching Band has long since established itself as one of the premiere High School Marching Bands in the country. For the past 27 years the band has sustained a level of excellence few marching bands ever achieve in a single season.

As band director for the past 11 years, Bill Davern continued the "Wildcat" tradition of greatness, elevating it to new heights. Prior to becoming Band Director in 1989, he worked as a band instructor since 1984. He leaves the "Wildcats" with 12 straight New York State Band Championships, four National Field Band Championships, a National Parade Championship and a plethora of other victories.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Bill Davern and the West Genesee Marching Band for their many accomplishments. The "Wildcat" Band has had an outstanding record for the past 27 years. Under the direction of Bill Davern, the band has set precedents in the history of the New York State Field Band Conference. His talent will be sorely missed by current and past band members, parents and school in this capacity.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE SLOVAK CATHOLIC SOKOL

**HON. BILL PASCRELL, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, December 15, 2000*

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker, I would like to call to your attention the deeds of an important organization from my district that celebrated its 95th year of fraternal service on Sunday, November 12, 2000 because of its many years of service and leadership. It is only fitting that this group is honored, for it has a long history of caring, generosity and commitment to others.

This year marks the 95th anniversary of the establishment of the Slovak Catholic Sokol, a fraternal benefit organization with headquarters in Passaic, New Jersey. It was founded on July 4, 1905 by a group of 48 Slovak immigrants. The organization has grown over the past nine and a half decades and now includes nearly 35,000 members with assets of \$52 million.

As a well-known gymnastic and athletic organization of American Catholics of Slovak ancestry, the Sokol places great emphasis on the growth and development of its youth. Various athletic contests on the local, district and national levels are held. The Sokol hosts international tournaments in basketball, volleyball, bowling, softball and golf. In addition, a biennial international track and field competition known as "Slet" is held at various locations across the United States and Canada. Next year, the Sokol will host its 40th Slet at Kutztown University in Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

Concern for higher education among its youth is another priority. To date, nearly \$800,000 in scholarship grants have assisted members in the quest for higher education. This year, a total of 86 deserving members received grants on the grade school, high school, and university levels.

In keeping with its emphasis on fraternal benevolence, the Sokol generously supports various religious institutions, churches and centers promoting a greater appreciation for the